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C O N F I D E N T I A L COL GORDON SENDS:
SUBJECT: SEARCH EFFORTS FOR BODIES AT JONESTOWN GU
REFERENCE: SECSTATE 2602832 NOV 78 (PARA 2).
1. (C) THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EFFORTS MADE TO LOCATE BODIES IN JONESTOWN AND VICINITY FOR REMOVAL TO CONUS:
A. PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF USJTF FORCES IN JONESTOWN, GUYANESE POLICE AND DEFENSE FORCES PERSONNEL HAD MADE A THOROUGH SEARCH OF JONESTOWN AND ITS ENVIRONS FOR BODIES ON OUR ARRIVAL, POLICE PERSONNEL SHOWED US THE CENTRAL

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PAVILLION AREA WHERE THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE BODIES WAS CONCENTRATED AND THE THREE HOUSES, A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE PAVILLION, WHERE ADDITIONAL BODIES COULD BE FOUND, WE REMOVED THE BODIES FROM THE THREE HOUSES AND THEN PROCEEDED TO REMOVE THOSE FOUND IN THE CENTRAL PAVILLION AREA.
B. WE IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED PATROLS THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE AND ITS ENVIRONS TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH SEARCH, ALL BUILDINGS WERE ENTERED AND SEARCHED, EVERY INCH OF THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONS WAS COVERED:
C. FOLLOWING THE INITIAL SEARCHES, JTF SEARCH AND SECURITY PARTIES ACCOMPANIED US EMBASSY PERSONNEL ON A METICULOUS SEARCH THROUGH ALL OFFICES AND HOUSES TO LOCATE DOCUMENTS THAT MIGHT ASSIST IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE BODIES, BY THIS TIME, ANY BODIES NOT READILY SEEN WOULD HAVE BEEN EASILY DETECTED BY THE ODOR, NO MORE WERE FOUND.
D. JTF SECURITY FORCES ALSO CONDUCTED PATROLS AROUND JONESTOWN AND ITS FIELDS AND GARDENS, NO TRACKS OR TRACES OF EITHER SURVIVORS OR DECEASED PERSONNEL WERE FOUND.
E. A VERY THOROUGH EFFORT WAS MADE TO ENSURE THAT ALL BODIES

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IN THE PAVILLION AREA WERE LOCATED AND REMOVED.
F. A MEMBER OF THE JTF ACCOMPANIED A US EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE EFFORT.
G. AFTER THE LAST BODY WAS BAGGED AND REMOVED, JTF PERSONNEL MADE ONE LASTSWEEP THROUGH THE CAMP, NO ADDITIONAL BODIES WERE FOUND.
2. (C) IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE US EMBASSY GEORGETOWN IS SENDING A MESSAGE TO STATE DEPT SIMILAR TO THE ABOVE, CONSEQUENTLY, I HAVE ADDRESSED THIS MESSAGE ONLY TO USCINCSO FOR YOUR INFORMATION, AFTER THE AMEMB GEORGETOWN MESSAGE IS RECEIVED, IT CAN BE DETERMINED WHETHER IT IS NECESSARY THAT THIS MESSAGE BE RETRANSMITTED TO OTHER ADDRESSEES.
3. GU THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PASSED ORALLY AND BY PHONE TO THE US AMBASSADOR IN GEORGETOWN, THE NMCC, AND SOUTHCOM CAT.
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